

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLETON

DECEMBER 1990

The Rectory
Hambleton
November 1990



Dear Friends

OUR GOD REIGNS!

It is an obvious truism to say that life is full of surprises, uncertainties and upheavals. At the time of writing, there is considerable uncertainty as to whether or not the Gulf crisis can be solved peacefully, by diplomacy, or whether it will lead to war. Our own government faces a leadership challenge. There are many questions surrounding our developing relationship with Europe. There are growing dangers due to environmental pollution and the increasing world population. The possible use of chemical or nuclear weapons one day is an awesome prospect. No wonder Jesus said that in the latter days before His return to this world "men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world". (Luke 21:26).

In spite of all these signs, and the many problems we often face in our personal lives, it is sadly true that many people seem unaware of the momentous times in which we live. Jesus said that for many people life would continue as normal, with people "eating, drinking, and marrying" until the day of Christ's return comes, an event which will be as sudden and unexpected as the flood in the time of Noah. (Matthew 24:38).

The Church's year begins on Advent Sunday (December 2nd), and during the season of Advent we focus particularly on the coming return of Christ. We should remind ourselves that this is a "sure and certain hope", even though we are not to speculate as to when it may occur. Just as Advent leads to our celebration of the first coming of Christ, at Christmas, so the season of Advent should also stir us to make sure we have received Christ as our own Saviour and Lord, and to serve Him faithfully



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while we have time, and so be ready for that great day
when "He shall come again to judge the living and the
dead".

Yours very sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BLISSARD-BARNES

Parish Registers

Baptism : November 4th 1990 :

Joshua Lee Spence BANFIELD

Olivia Alice HEDLEY

Wedding : November 17th 1990

Geoffrey Percy Colin BARTRUM and

Emma Susan BOOKER

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total amount given in October amounted to
£1640.24.

John Taylor

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER

December 02) : Mrs Sylvia Harrison
09) :
16 : Mrs Audrey Stedall
23 : CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER

December 7/8) : Mrs Mollie Vacher
) Mrs Pat Williams
14/15 :) Mrs Brenda Gardner
) Mrs Joan Hardy
21/22 : Mrs Pauline Underwood
28/29) : Mrs Rosemary Arden-White
) Mrs Pat Williams

The Ladies from the two Bible Study Groups are meeting at
the Rectory on Tuesday December 11th at 11 00am for a
Christmas "get-together". There will be coffee and a
Bring n'Buy, a suitable Christmas message, followed by a
buffet lunch to which all ladies are warmly invited.



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1990

1st 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory

2nd FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am Christingle and Toy Family Service
(unwrapped toys in good condition will be gratefully received).

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)



5th 8 00pm Final Session of the Healing Course at the Rectory.

6th 8 00pm Choir Practice in Church.

7th 8 00pm Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Annual Dinner, Merrist Wood College of Agriculture.

8th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory

9th SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am Holy Communion (1662)

(Preacher and Celebrant, the Rev. Peter Norman)

6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

(Preacher, Mr Roger Mitchell on behalf of the Gideon Society)



10th 7 30pm Recital at the Village Hall by members of St Swithun's School, Winchester, in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice and the Hydestile Wildlife Hospital. (see page 10)

11th 8 00pm Clergy/Readers' Meeting at the Rectory

13th 8 00pm Choir Practice at the Church

15th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory

10 00am Parish visitation with Christmas Leaflets.
Meet at the Rectory. All helpers welcome.

16th THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am Morning Prayer (ASB)

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB) with Healing Ministry.

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19th 3 00pm Women's Fellowship meet at the Rectory.

20th 8 00pm Choir Practice in Church.

22nd 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory

3 00pm Carol Concert in the Village Hall
(see page 10)

23rd FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am CAROL SERVICE

3 00pm Short Nativity Service for all the family.

6 30pm CAROL SERVICE

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11 30pm Holy Communion



25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00am and CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICES

11 30am

12 30pm Holy Communion (1662)

29th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer in the Vestry.

30th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am Parish Communion (ASB)

(Preacher and Celebrant, the Rev. Pat Ashe)

6 30pm Evening Service led by the Youth Fellowship.



AND IN JANUARY 1991

5th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.

6th EPIPHANY

Start of the Decade of Evangelism.

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 30am Family Service

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

(Preacher at 10 30am and 6 30pm

Mr Tim Symonds)



PARISH NOTES AND NEWS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks an anonymous gift to the Church of £100.

Surrey Family Conciliation Service

155 High Street, Dorking. Tel. Dorking 885140.

This is a confidential Service offered to those who are experiencing matrimonial difficulties and whose children therefore need special help and provision. Owing to increased work and the need to appoint a professional Co-ordinator for the fully trained staff who work in this field, additional funds are needed. Churches and church members are being invited to send donations.

Trinity College Bristol, is an evangelical Anglican Theological College which, in the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, "needs £500,000 because it is so full of life and full of students that its Chapel is cramped and inadequate and its accommodation restricted. This appeal is the result of Trinity's success in drawing so many students for Christian ministry who are alert to the opportunities for mission and service and who need to be properly prepared. Anyone who thinks the Church of England cannot respond positively to the Decade of Evangelism should come to Trinity. And anyone who wants to help its students to prepare not only for this coming decade but for ministry in the next century too, should give generously to this appeal, which will enable the College to fulfil its tasks effectively".

We all know there is a tremendous need for more clergy if parishes are to be staffed adequately in the future. Those who would like to send a donation to this appeal fund, which is supported not only by Dr Runcie but also by Dr George Carey, The Rev. John Stott, Canon Michael Harper, and others, should get in touch with Roger Wilman, (Administrator), Trinity College (Bristol) Ltd., Freepost (BS4520), Bristol BS9 1BR.

The Lee Abbey International Students' Club has recently had to rebuild its roof and top floors and do other

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refurbishment work, and now has a debt of £1.5m. The Club's work among students is growing and prospering. If anyone wishes to contribute to the appeal, please get in touch with the Club at 57/67 Lexham Gardens, London W8 6JJ. (Tel. 071 373 7242).

The Shelter National Campaign for the Homeless also has a Christmas Appeal. Their address is 88 Old Street, London EC1V 9HU. (Tel. 071 253 0202).

(These are only a small selection of the many appeals which have come through recently). C.B-B.

"Organists are an endangered species!" So reads a leaflet in connection with "National Learn the Organ Year". (Patron, the Archbishop of York, Chairman, Dr. Lionel Dakers, CBE). We are fortunate at the moment in Hambledon to have 3 organists, but, like all churches, we need to look ahead to the future and encourage more people to learn the organ. For details of a free starter pack for learners, write to Anne Marsden-Thomas, St Giles' Church, Cripplegate, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.

Tim and Zinnia Symonds will be with us, we hope, on January 6th, and we shall much look forward to Tim preaching at our morning and evening services.

Confirmation Classes are due to start in January, with a view to Confirmation on May 1st. If you would like to join the classes, which will probably be held on Sundays at the Rectory at 5pm., please sign the list at the back of the Church. Candidates should be approaching 14 by the date of Confirmation. There is no upper age limit!

Parish Houseparty. In order to fit in with arrangements at Fairmile Court, the dates have been brought forward to October 18th-20th 1991. The speaker will be the Ven. John Went, Archdeacon of Surrey. Do please book the dates now! More details in due course.



PERSONALIA

A new arrival has appeared in the village since the last parish magazine - a daughter, Harriet, to Vicki and Paul Pattinson of Beech Hill Cottage; a sister for Jamie.

Reg Vickery is doing well with getting around now that he is home and in more familiar surroundings. Reg sends the following message: "I would like to thank all the kind people of Hambledon for their good wishes, thoughts and prayers for me over the last six months. I am pleased to be home again and now able to walk about with the aid of sticks. I hope to be able to do without them soon. Thank you all".

Jean de Berniere-Smart has been seen in the village recently, looking fit and well and thoroughly recommending retirement! Jean and Piers are enjoying living so close to the sea and have taken up dinghy sailing; daily swims and cold showers seem to be the norm which just covers the rest of us with goosepimples at the very thought!

Over £200 was raised recently at a Coffee Morning and Bring n'Buy at Willowfield, New Road, in aid of the Milford & Villages Day Centre. The Centre, which meets at the Scout Hut, New Road, Milford, on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, are still short of helpers. Ann Stephens on Godalming 417448 would love to hear from you if you feel you can assist with this worthwhile cause.

The half-yearly Missionary Box collecting day is on Sunday December 2nd. If you have a box from any of the Societies please bring it to any of the church services or give Shirley Pollock a ring on 682116.

Please remember in your prayers friends who are far from well at this time: Mr Alan Secrett is now home again following an operation, Mr and Mrs Douglas Maclachlan are bravely struggling on from day to day.

Mrs Muriel Freemantle has to have some hospital treatment and our good friend Canon Charles Oldham has suffered a set-back but manfully striving on.

We send our loving condolences to Sylvia Coleman and her family on the death of her mother, Mrs Gladys Peer. We have received a wonderful write-up of Gladys' life which will appear in the next edition of the magazine.

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Meanwhile, the funeral, which will be held at Hambledon Church, is at 2 00pm on Monday 26th November. Many thanks to the kind folk who have left foreign coins at the Village Shop for Patrick Williams. Patrick now has these and he will be arranging credit to the funds for the work of the local Hospice. Finally, have you by any chance seen two vases that seem to have vanished from the Church? They were last used during the early summer but when we came to look for them at the time of Harvest Thanksgiving, they had completely disappeared. They are cream-coloured pottery, best described as 'urn shaped'. If you can throw any light as to when they were last seen it might help Mrs Audrey Stedall in her search. Mrs Stedall can be contacted on Godalming 416361.

VISIT TO mv ANASTASIS on 3rd October 1990

12 of us set out from Witley Station at 7 30pm and we left on time. We had hoped to arrive by 10 00am but the traffic was appalling. We were given a warm welcome and were ushered to a large lounge for coffee and home-made cakes. Each table being hosted by a crew member. Peggy shared with us how she came to work on board. We then saw a moving video of the work carried out, wonderful close-ups of before and after operations of children with disfiguring hare lips and cleft palates; there was an old man with an unrepaired hare lip and the transformed look on his face post-operatively was wonderful to see. Squints were corrected all on board the Anastasis. We toured the operation rooms, x-ray rooms, etc. which filled me with nostalgia. Our guide, Donna, a charming girl obviously full of love for the Lord, she has two children who are educated on the ship and we were told that when they are examined by the Department of Education, they are usually a class ahead of similar children educated at home. Donna's husband is a welder on the ship, and, like the Forth Bridge, I would imagine he is fully occupied. The warmth and love on board came over so well and they all talked freely of their love for our Lord. We had lunch and our trusty driver was waiting for us; we arrived home safely at around 3 30pm. We bade our

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fond farewells, all agreeing what a wonderful day it had been and we didn't even notice the rain!

Esther Carpenter

NB* The MV Anastasis is a 'mercy ship' operated by Youth-with-a-Mission. During her visit to London docks advantage was taken of paying her a visit. Many will remember Johnny Sertin working with the ship at one time.
Ed.

"MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD". (Deut. 8:3)
Scripture Union Notes are a great encouragement to Daily Bible Reading and the understanding of the Scriptures.

Three different guides are on offer: for adults, "Alive to God", "Daily Bread" and "Daily Notes" and these are to be re-launched in January. The Editor says:- "We never forget that people are different. Different personalities come to God in different ways. That's why we offer three different Bible Reading Guides".

Daily Notes : If you already have a good grasp of the Bible and enjoy being mentally stretched, you could be at home here. A special pull-out section will help to apply Bible teaching to to-day's burning issues, such as "Green" issues, and the New Age Movement.

Daily Bread : If you like God's word explained in simple down-to-earth ways, personal stories, consecutive readings, helpful Bible background, daily prayers, and practical help - this could be for you.

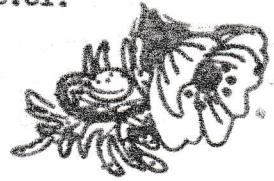
Alive to God : This helps you to interact with the Bible passage and discover for yourself what God is saying; using the imaginative approach, praying the Scriptures, keeping a spiritual journal and meditation on a passage. It is designed to deepen your spiritual life. If God speaks to you through your imagination and you enjoy poetry and trying new things - this might be your choice. These Notes will be available to look through from early December in the Church Vestry so that you can make a decision for a new start in January 1991. (The new price will be £1.50 each). Those who already use these Notes will find them ordered as normal and new readers will be very welcome. (Notification of any change as early as possible please).

Rosemary Arden-White

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1990 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year has proved to be another successful year for the Poppy Appeal in the Hambledon and Hydestile areas. The grand total for this year is £766.81.

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| House-to-House Collections | - £498.87 |
| Church Collections | - £260.04 |
| Wreath | - £ 7.90 |
| | <u>£766.81</u> |



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and a special thank-you to all the kind people who made the house-to-house collections.

Alison Bouckley

CAROL CONCERT

It is proposed once more to hold a Carol Concert in the Village Hall on the Saturday before Christmas - December 22nd at 3 00pm. For any musician - young or old - wishing to participate, there will be a rehearsal at Sunfield, Petworth Road, on Wednesday 19th December at 7 30pm. For details please contact P J Underwood on Wormley 682742.

Philip Underwood

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE RECITAL CHOIR AND
INSTRUMENTALISTS FROM ST SWITHUN'S SCHOOL, WINCHESTER
AT HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER
AT 7 30PM

This Concert is open to everyone and all will be welcome. Donations collected at the Concert will be divided between the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice at Farnham and the Hydestile Wildlife Hospital.

Richard Hemery asks us to point out that Prayer Meetings are held on every other Thursday evening at 8 00pm at the home of Dave and Liz Jenkins, 6, Quartermile Road, Godalming, to which all are welcome. The next meeting is on Thursday November 29th. Richard visited Russia during August and has written an account of his visit for the magazine. Like Tim Arden-White's Christmas letter, we shall have to break it down into instalments! Here is the first

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"I apologize for not getting down to it and writing earlier about my trip to Russia, but Russia is still (as ever) in the news and it might be good to give an eye witness account.

First I want to thank St Peter's for their generous donation which covered more than 10% of the final figure I had to find to go to the Soviet Union (each team member having to pay their own way). A few introductory details: we went as members of Youth-with-a-Mission, and 27 of us assembled on August 4th in Amsterdam. We came from England, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, West Germany, Australia and the USA. The coach journey to Moscow took a week each way: the time we spent there was 2 weeks. On the way there we had a day in Berlin, with a chance to view the Wall: on the way back a day in Warsaw.

We had one day off in Moscow. The rest of the time we prepared for our daily outreaches, the reason why we had all come to Moscow.

We were, on our visa documents, "the Maze Theatre Company", having previously explained to the Soviet government that we wanted to perform a drama for the people of Moscow.

When we arrived at the border a soldier checked all our passports and we waited while our bus was searched. We had Bibles in a box, which technically could be confiscated, but we were let through. Some days' later we heard that the border had been shut to all incoming traffic for a number of days. But we got through. We had to have a guide accompany us while we were on the road, and our team leader, Richard Thompson (originally from Liverpool), explained to her that we were a Christian group, that the drama was a dramatic presentation of the gospel and that there would be preaching after it with an opportunity for people to respond! She wished us well!"(to be contd.)

PARISH MAGAZINE : Our thanks to all those who returned the questionnaire about the parish magazine. The replies are now being analysed and the results will be reported to the PCC. May I just mention that several people who asked for a copy of Link forgot to give their names! If you think that you might have been one of these, please let me know.

- Ray Williams (682455)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed having Beryl Morgan with us again at our October meeting and listening to her lovely, thought-provoking talk about Jewels - how they are mined, honed and polished, as they are transformed from their original state to shine in all their beauty. Then she applied this to us as our lives are shaped and transformed at the hands of The Master.

Please note that our next meeting will be our special Christmas one with carols and mincepies on the third Wednesday of the month - December 19th at 3 00pm at the Rectory.



Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

"For with God nothing shall be impossible".

The beautiful workmanship must truly have been inspired by God. Stained glass windows, tapestries, wood carvings and stonework illustrated clearly the story of the Nativity. It renewed afresh with simple clarity the meaning of Christmas, like the people in mediaeval times had "read" the story in the church windows and the carvings, bringing understanding to them of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

It had taken Mr Dodderidge 20 years to collect all these pictures, travelling far and wide. He told us of the peace and tranquility he had found in the Churches and Abbeys.

A donation from the proceeds of the Annual Sale was made to a local fund to help buy a special lightweight wheelchair for the daughter of Mr Dodderidge.

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Annual Sale on 4th November; we were able to make donations to Hambledon Village Hall and the Milford Day Centre.

£351 was made on the day. Hydestile Wildlife Hospital benefitted by £50 from a special stall of creatures great and small in ceramics etc. which were all given to help with the work at the Wildlife Hospital.

Do come to our Christmas party at Feathercombe on Wednesday 12th December at 2.45pm. Please bring a little something for tea and enjoy a good afternoon in good company in a lovely house.

Joan Hardy

